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County looks overseas to fill physician needs

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's effort to draw doctors to the region has reached far and wide.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, described efforts July 26 to draw doctors to the region.

She spoke to county council about the

various outreach activities undertaken since May. Such three-month recruitment status updates could become a fixture at council meetings, she said.

Staff participated in a virtual conference focused on the recruitment of health care professionals.

"We had a physician candidate visit in May," she said. "He was here for four days. He was very positive about his meeting. He's a new grad. He's being pulled very hard from his hometown, but

he did love it here."

The candidate referred to his time in the county as having been life-changing, she said.

"What a lot of these new grads do is they like to come as a locum, just to try things out," Welch said. "So they come and have an assessment of the community."

"Then they want to come back and work as a trial basis without making a commitment."

The candidate will work two weeks in September, starting Labour Day, she said.

"I think he'll be ready to talk about full-time practice after that," she said.

Welch said much interest in the area was shown by physicians and nurse practitioners across Canada.

"It was good to have that national exposure," she said.

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With over 50 in attendance, the Haliburton HHS town hall was lively with questions directed at both HHS CEO Veronica Nelson, and board chair David O'Brien. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

HHHS hosts second town hall

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) hosted their second town hall meeting on July 27 at the Haliburton Legion.

With over 50 in attendance and a smattering of yellow "Re-open the Minden ER" t-shirts in the crowd, the energy in the room was less charged than it was at the first town hall, hosted in Minden last month, though emotions did escalate by the end of the meeting.

"Today I'm here to hear from you, and to listen," opened Veronica Nelson, the CEO of HHHS. Many of the points that were outlined in the previous town hall were touched on again; such as the concern around wait times, and how the Minden hospital site does remain open, just with the absence of an emergency department (ED).

Nelson noted that the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT), which opened its doors over the Canada Day weekend, and remains open weekends while staff are recruited; averages 27 patients a day. The facility offers medical assistance to non-emergency ailments; such as stitches, sutures, and respiratory concerns.

In addition to the KNFHT, HHHS announced that they are in the process of opening a community nursing clinic at the Minden hospital site, which will offer the opportunity for nurses to alleviate the weight put on the Haliburton ED site.

During the town hall, Nelson shared that with the recent addition of a new CT Machine and mammography equipment, the EMS will save over 200 hours in ambulance rides to bigger facilities, offering more access to EMS at a local level.

This was the first town hall that the director of the HHHS board, David O'Brien, made an appearance at. During the questions and answer session, many of the questions were directed to him. The primary question; which has been circulated on social media since the announcement of the Minden ED closure in April, was curiosity regarding whether O'Brien and the rest of the board would resign.

"I will not be resigning," he told the crowd, "we have dedicated ourselves as volunteers to this community." Though O'Brien did note, when one attendee referenced the promise that the NDP made to re-open the Minden ED if elected, that he would "not stand in the way" if that situation were to arise.

While some attendees made macro references to the Ford government, and how his decisions around Bill-124 have impacted rural hospitals across the province, others remained hyper-fixated on the problems that solely impact Minden; such as the distance between Minden and Haliburton, and the staffing available at the Haliburton site.

The next town hall is scheduled for Aug. 22 at noon in Algonquin Highlands. A location was yet to be determined.

Plan in the works to lure docs

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Health Services, doctors have been rallied to cover five weeks.

Another hospitalist has signed on for a two-week locum in December.

She said the doctor is looking to relocate from another province, so it's a bit of a difficult situation logistic-wise.

"So they have asked for time to make this decision," Welch said, and added that the doctor and his wife expressed very strong interest in moving to the county.

The county's recruiters have even reached out to doctors in the United Kingdom, Welch said. Apparently, two physicians are interested in relocating to Ontario and have an acquaintance who practices medicine near Haliburton County.

"It has been recommended to staff that a greater emphasis should be placed on connecting with international doctors who are looking at Ontario for employment," she said.

There also a third UK physician interested in working with HHHS, she said.

The recent approval for a CT scanner and a CT mammography unit in the county should be like bait to lure doctors. Welch said doctors have been asking that such

diagnostic equipment be acquired by HHHS.

"Especially to new grads," she said. "This (equipment) could be a game-changer."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said recruitment staff seem to have a talent for building on the enthusiasm for the area.

According to a report to council, staff are proposing to create an action plan that would detail priorities for physician recruitment. The plan would ensure greater transparency with council, local Physicians, and residents within the region on the goals and objectives for the department.

"I really like to see the idea that you want to work on an action plan for recruitment on the long term," Danielsen said.

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked if the county's recruiters have been working with the Kawartha North Family Health Team to get an urgent care clinic up and running at the site of the former Minden emergency department.

"They haven't reached out to me," Welch said. "The only way I've been involved so far is passing along nurse practitioners that are interested in working there because they've been contacting me."

Jurisdictional issues plague short-term rental governance

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There lingered many questions behind the logistics of administering and enforcing a short-term rental bylaw in Haliburton County's municipalities.

After much discussion, county council decided July 26 to circulate a draft bylaw to the lower tier municipalities for adoption in the interest of consistency. County staff was directed to work with the municipalities to craft a request for proposals for a third party to administer the short-term rental program.

An effective date for the bylaw will be determined depending on feedback from the municipalities.

Steve Stone, the county's planning director, said he's taken a deep dive into the proposed bylaw to govern short-term rentals and he's tightened some aspects and tweaked some others.

"The most critical piece of the bylaw that was changed really reflects council's interest in allowing for operators to sign up and basically swear that their establishment is operating in accordance with all the rules and regulations," he said.

Those would be building codes and fire regulations and other guidelines.

"But there is a notwithstanding clause in the bylaw that allows municipal departments to do their own deep dive (and) hold back from issuing a licence if they have a concern that they may have heard about or may have seen in their own records," Stone said.

Kawartha Lakes has recently adopted their own bylaw to regulate short-term rentals, and he said there are some points of interest for Haliburton County in that legislation.

He said that jurisdiction will open their licencing for anybody to apply until April 2024. The number of operators that apply by April 1 will be Kawartha Lakes' licencing cap. Anybody to apply after that date will be put on a waiting list for a licence.

County council discussed issuing a call for expressions of interest from third parties who could maintain a directory of short-term rental operators. Stone said two outfits responded to the call.

"It was good to see that both of the service providers actually do have a toe in the Canadian market," he said.

They both have a presence in Ontario. And they offer full service, which includes monitoring operators and issuing licences on behalf of the lower tier municipalities.

The differentiate themselves in the cost of the full service, Stone said.

Stone said the third party could take the administrative burden from the municipalities.

Warden Liz Danielsen, mayor of Algonquin Highlands, and Councillor Cecil Ryall, who is also the deputy mayor of Highlands East, agreed that there's a major question of if the county or the lower tier municipalities will be the bylaw's authority.

Ryall said governing short-term rentals bear many of the same jurisdictional questions that weighed debate over the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw.

"If there are challenges to it, then we'll make adjustments accordingly," Ryall said. "Leaving it at the moment as it's worded with the lower tiers being technically responsible ... I don't have a problem with it."

"At the end of the day, is that where I want it to live? Ask me that in a couple months and I'll answer that question better."

"I'm sorry, Coun. Ryall, but to me that was as clear as mud," Danielsen said. "I'm not quite sure what it is you're saying."

"I'm saying that I just don't want to get into a debate over where things are going to live," he said.

"We have to do that," Danielsen said. "That's what we have to decide today."

"Then that's fine," Ryall said. "Let's do that."

Coun. Murray Fearrey said he understands concerns about whether some municipalities have the staff needed to administer the short-term rental program. But, he said, farming the work out to a third party eliminates that problem.

"My understanding is that these people are going to do the registration, they're going to collect the money, they're going to flag those that have violated (the bylaw)," Fearrey said. "What we're going to do is what we have to do local here because that's where the bodies are."

"If we're going to do a fire inspection, we have to do a building inspection, that's where we're going to do it."

There will be some work there ... but it's minimal."

Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, doesn't favour the operator cap that Kawartha Lakes has in its bylaw.

"I would rather us in a year examine where we're at and examine if we need to put in some sort of a cap or whatever," Carter said. "It's not perfect, but it's a working document."

Basically, Carter said it needs to be spelled out what the third party will do and what will be the responsibilities of the municipality, such as the various inspections.

It would be good is any kind of appeal process be held at the county level. That way, Carter said, it'll be removed from the municipal level.

"We can't accept it before we know what is it we need to be able to keep it going?" Carter said.

Danielsen suggested the licensing bylaw be passed with an effective date that might give the municipalities sufficient time to up-staff.

Michael Rutter, the county's CAO, said municipalities each have the critical files like the various inspection reports to which the county wouldn't have access. That's the information that's critical for licensing, he said.

"All of those files live at the local level," Rutter said.

If the county is going to handle enforcement of the bylaw, the county will need that information.

Money from the license fees will generate a significant income for municipalities to get the staff to handle administration and enforcement.

"I have real concerns about how practical it is to get county staff to do it when we wouldn't have access to any of the information," Rutter said.

Everybody wants a consistent policy on cottage rentals, said Fearrey.

Danielsen agreed, but she said the hiccup is in the ability to manage enforcement. And it seems the third-party service providers aren't willing to undertake enforcement.

Much back and forth ensued about enforcement, penalties, and other issues.

"I'm frustrated that we are starting to look like we can't make a decision if our life depends on it because we've been talking about this for year. Not six months," said Danielsen.



Head Lake Park playground construction will begin on August 7. /Submitted

Head Lake Park playground to break ground this week

The Head Lake Park Fundraising Committee and the Municipality of Dysart et al are happy to announce the start of site preparations for the Head Lake playground on Thursday, July 27. Site preparation began immediately following the Arts and Crafts Festival. Fencing was installed on July 26 with excavation beginning the following day. The playground installers are scheduled to

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Climate change has a personal connection to us all: health official

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The reality that there's a connection between climate and health has been recognized globally.

And Sue Shikaze, a promoter in the health protection division at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, detailed that connection for Haliburton County council July 26.

She said the unit has been working locally on the climate-health connection, vulnerability assessments, and adaptation, and how it relates to what elected representatives do at the upper tier level.

She said the connection that climate change has bearing on individual health has been made globally by the World Health Organization and nationally by Canada's chief medical officer of health.

"Climate change is not only an environmental issue, but it's also a health issue," Shikaze said. "It impacts us at an individual level through our health."

At the local level, Shikaze is the official charged with completing health vulnerability and adaptation assessments.

"The research shows that adaptation is most effectively done at a local level," she said.

Her task is over two phases. The first was completed in June and culminated in a breakdown across six categories of impacts on health: Extreme temperatures, extreme weather and natural events, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, air quality, and exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation.

Quite a laundry list of woe.

"I know we've seen locally for probably the first time in a long time the impacts of wild fires and how that effected our air quality locally," she said.

Similar to the COVID-19 pandemic in how certain populations were affected more than others, climate change affects everyone but certain people will be touched differently.

That led to an evaluation of health unit programming to see how they can contribute to climate adaptation and resilience.

Being more vulnerable to climate change is a function of three things.

"It's exposure, sensitivity, and ability to adapt," she said.

Aside from physical impacts like respiratory illnesses and heat-related problems, climate change has an increased bearing on people's mental health.

To contribute to adaptation, HKPR officials keep an eye on ticks and mosquitos for the vector problems such as Lyme disease and West Nile. They test recreational water supplies, do public informational outreach, advocate health policy, and work toward reducing poverty.

"But the reality is that Public Health

can't do this work alone," Shikaze said. "It does require collaboration across multiple sectors, including municipalities and other levels of government and public agencies."

Climate change affects us all, she said. Not just polar bears and glaciers.

"It's impacting us and our health right here in our communities," Shikaze said.

The next phase involves the development of an adaptation action plan looking at the health unit's work, how it addresses climate adaptation, and whatever else needs to be done to ensure health protection.

A draft report of the adaptation action plan will be completed by December or early next year, she said.

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, gave kudos for how the Shikaze's work is focused on residents as opposed to the debate as to what's causing climate change.

He said one of the aspects of addressing climate change that concerns him other than the health effects is the financial burden slowing it will entail.

"It's going to be a financial challenge coming forward, especially in 2024," Ryall said.

Shikaze said municipalities are already doing much of the work. The key is in how that work is framed around addressing climate change.

The HKPR Health Unit has been working on assessing the connection to climate change and health. /ADAM FRISK
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NDP promise to open up Minden ED

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Staff Reporter

The closure of the Minden Emergency Department (ED) continues to get political. Chris Glover, the MPP for Spadina-Fort York visited Minden on July 21 to chat with locals about the realities of a small town that has not had an ED since June 1, 2023.

"I've come here today because we need a hospital," said Glover. "We're going to keep putting the pressure on this government."

Glover noted that his appearance in Minden was one of four check-ins that the NDP were doing around the province; keeping tabs on the temperature regarding how Ontarians are feeling about the current Ford government.

"Minden is ground zero for protecting rural healthcare," said Glover, referencing the eight other emergency departments

that were slated to close across Ontario this past weekend.

While he acknowledged that there is validity to the reasoning behind staffing shortages at local sites, Glover was able to track the root of the shortages back to Doug Ford. "We do have staffing shortages," he said, "but this government is fuelling that."

Glover was referencing Bill-124, which caps the wages for nursing staff, making it an industry that is impossible to grow into, and challenging to recruit for.

"This government kept talking about how healthcare workers are heroes," said Glover, referring specifically to the COVID-19 years, "but that's just hypocrisy."

Glover is confident that while the reasoning behind the closures are cited as staffing, it's actually part of a bigger plan to inch closer towards privatization of healthcare; something the Ford government has toyed with before. He shared

how the current government likes to use the word "innovation" as a bait to hide their ulterior motives. "Innovation is just code for privatization," he said, "and this closure is about privatization."

After Glover met the attendees of the information speakers session, he then welcomed Marit Stiles, the leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, and the Official Opposition via Zoom. Stiles visited Minden on May 25, and has since been an advocate for re-opening the Minden ED at Queen's Park. "I want you to know that we are there with you," she told the hushed crowd through the laptop screen, "this is a fight to save lives."

Stiles and Glover wrapped up the community consultation with a promise: if the NDP win the provincial election in 2026, the Minden ED will open once again. The news was received with cheers of support amongst the small crowd.







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County to draft accommodation tax rules for towns' consideration

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's a handful of core items lower tier municipalities will have to consider if they're to adopt a municipal accommodation tax.

Scott Ovell, Haliburton County's economic development and tourism director, laid out the important issues to be considered by the four townships when drafting a bylaw to level an accommodation tax on short-term property rental operators.

County council tasked staff July 26 to draft a municipal accommodation tax bylaw for consideration by the lower tier municipalities. The tax will only apply to short-term rental properties.

Ovell said the most important core items revolve around tax rate, its collection, designating an eligible tourism entity half of the funds from taxation will support, and the use of funds.

"Not so much about how they use it because the lower tiers can kind of more or less do whatever they wish with it," Ovell said. "It would be any stipulations they want to put on the eligible tourism entity when they direct the funds there. Maybe there's something specific."

He said, particularly with short-term rentals, a third-party service provider that can handle collecting the tax would be well worth considering.

"In reality, if you were to get 50 per cent of the short-term rentals in your jurisdiction to remit an accommodation tax, you're probably doing better than 95 per cent of the province," he said.

Members of the county's economic development and tourism staff recently spoke with their provincial tourism coun-

terparts and Airbnb representatives about short-term rentals.

The Airbnb crowd made it clear that they're not going to pony up an accommodation tax to a municipality until the province mandates it has to be paid if that municipality has such a tariff on the books.

Ovell said an accommodation tax has been pretty steady across the province at four per cent. Except for Toronto where the rate just recently increased to six per cent on short-term rentals.

"So that is worth consideration that, if you feel because we're not doing this on your traditional roofed accommodation, you could explore going at a higher tax rate," he said.

A higher tax rate would be smart, given councillors have said they don't want tax dollars going into any aspect of the short-term rental program.

"For consistency, we talked about four per cent is pretty much standard across the board," Ovell said.

Haliburton County is the region's destination marketing arm to draw people to its lower tiers. The county isn't a not-for-profit, so that rules out money from the accommodation tax being funneled back to the upper tier.

He said the best way around that would be to create a non-profit corporate entity. That's the route Huntsville and Gravenhurst have taken.

Legal opinions will need to be obtained about creating a not-for-profit entity or a municipal services corporation, he said. And it could take a year to 18 months before the county can get an idea of how much money will be generated.

"So, if it's possible, it probably would make sense just to have that municipal

services corporation consist of members of (county) council," Ovell said. "One reason is, essentially, that gives the lower tiers 100 per cent control of the money that's collected."

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked if some of the money generated by the accommodation tax could be used to pay for the

bylaw's enforcement.

"You can do what you want with it," Ovell said. "There's no stipulation on the 50 per cent that you retain."

The other 50 per cent goes toward a local tourism entity.

Huntsville stows a large chunk of its share of the tax money in a fund for affordable housing, he said.



In the name of Grace

The Turtle Guardians believe the remains of Grace, the oldest female snapping turtle on record in Haliburton County, have been found. The remains were located in a watershed the turtle was not native to. "We are certain that these are of our beloved friend, as the ocular bones are a match for the unusual form of her eyes, and her suture lines (connections between bone plates) are a match to Grace's unique carapace" said Leora Berman, founder of Turtle Guardians, in a statement posted on social media. Visit www.turtleguardians.com/in-the-name-of-grace for more information and see next week's *Echo* for a full story. /Submitted



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Diaries of a defense-woman

LAST SUMMER, the beautiful game was brought to Haliburton County in a different way by a new resident.

Kathy Judson started Haliburton Grassroots Athletics – a women’s soccer league and a youth soccer league, and they’re now in their second season.

I didn’t realize how much we needed this until it came.

I’ve played in the co-ed league here before, which is a really wonderful and fair way to play, and getting to play with those at varying skill levels and ages teaches everyone so much about the game, but I was definitely excited when I heard about a women’s league.

I played on the Red Hawk women’s soccer team all through high school.

It was my sport.

The thing I looked forward to most when the snow melted off the field overlooking Head Lake.

The only game I was willing to get up and go to 7 a.m. practices for.

I discovered quickly in Grade 9 that I was a defense girl, and that continues to be the position I play.

I also discovered an intensely competitive side to myself.

I was always quiet and kind - who knew that unassuming girl just needed a different outlet to be bold and powerful?

This was definitely the main reason why I was so drawn to soccer, but there are a few more magical things at play on that field.

Soccer is a great way to get exercise no matter who you’re playing with, and getting the chance to be competitive satisfies a need in us as human beings, but being on the pitch with other independent women brings it to a new level; one that’s hard to put

into words unless you’ve experienced it yourself.

When I spoke to Kathy last spring about the new league, she said, “Women lend themselves in many directions in order to care for our families, jobs, and businesses, and making this time for ourselves doesn’t come naturally.”

Women in the league have families, some are students, some have careers - each have aspects of their life that occupy their days in different ways.

The one thing we all have in common is that we show up on Sunday evenings, when life allows, to play together.

And we really do bond. We bond over sore muscles. We bond over getting soaked by rain storms. We bond over the sun in our eyes. We bond over avoiding geese overhead. We bond during water breaks. We bond over hard-earned drinks after a game.

These aren’t extraordinary things - on paper they seem even more unremarkable - but the magic is in the

word *bond*.

Sharing the exhilarating experience releasing endorphins and feeling the satisfaction of a good kick or a teammate’s goal is magic.

We had our last night of the summer season on Sunday, and women came from all across the county, just to be part of that. Even those who couldn’t play came out to watch.

I always thought I loved soccer because it made me so competitive, but that side of me is completely gone out on that field with those women. We cheer for each other. We laugh with each other. We all have 30 new friends.

So thanks to Kathy for creating the best part of our summer. We needed it.



vivian collings

Editorial



A deer stands at the Emerson dam in Haliburton.

by Adam Frisk

Kitty love

THIS IS a love story between two black cats named Peachy and Luna.

I first met Marcia Stephen over 30 years ago when she dropped her middle daughter, Myra, off at camp.

She was a bright and cheery mother who was very proud of her three girls! Marcia and I crossed paths many times over the years, but became very connected in the past year and a half.

Marcia developed Alzheimers, and it became necessary for her daughters to take turns living with her. Marcia had a cat named Peachy who was her best friend.

Marcia loved Peachy with her whole heart, and Peachy loved Marcia.

Quantum physics tells us we are all communicating with all life all the time. We are all in a relationship with each other and paying attention is the most basic expression of love.

Marcia poured her attention into Peachy, and that created a beautiful loving bond that really helped Marcia every day. Peachy sat on her lap, slept with her, marched up and down the halls with her, made her laugh every day and was by her side constantly.

Throughout her life, Marcia was always an avid card writer, and one day a card for our kitty, Luna, arrived in our mailbox.

And that began a pen pal relationship that made all of us smile. Being creative and silly is good for everyone. And there are a lot of cat cards out there!

I recently heard a teacher say that enlightenment is a willingness to be intimate with all of life. The life within you, and the life around you. Marcia was someone who was intimate with all life throughout her life.

She poured her love and attention into her family, her work, her hobbies, her friends, her adventures, her volunteer work, her book club, her yoga class, the nature conservancy, her community and her kitty.

Marcia’s attention created deep bonds between her and all of life. Nothing was left out. Nothing was turned away or considered separate. What a beautiful way to live. I think a person feels larger and more expansive when they feel like they belong, and that they are connected to everything.

Marcia lived a very large life. In May a group of us joined together to create a team to enter into the Haliburton Highlands

Challenge (HHC), to raise money for people living with cancer and their caregiver.

Myra asked Marcia if she wanted to participate, and of course the answer was yes. Marcia loved to join in and she always wanted to help others. Myra and Marcia created a goal to go on adventures and seek beauty as part of their commitment to the HHC.

They were able to go on one adventure and as always had stories to tell and pictures to share.

On July 22, Marcia passed away, surrounded by her family who loved her. Our HHC team is forever grateful for the willingness Marcia had to join us and do what she could.

She may have forgotten that she ate breakfast, or where she got her beautiful necklace from, but she never forgot that she was connected, that she belonged and that she can help make a difference.

We miss you Marcia, and just know that Luna has already sent Peachy a card.

Tales from
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points of view

The end game

ON THE weekend I began reading an interesting history book based on how the British Empire was slowly disbanded.

It was, and continues to be an interesting read, but I had to stop to think when I discovered what I believe to be a typo.

I think the beginning of the sentence in question should have read, "As tensions continued...."

Unfortunately (or fortunately, if you are a humour columnist) the first word in the sentence had one too many letters – and that extra letter was an S.

As such it read, "Ass tensions continued...."

Obviously, this altered the meaning of the sentence.

I'm guessing that this is not what the author meant to communicate. I mean, this is a phrase that has never been associated with any history books I've read. If it was, I would have read many more.

Then again, maybe that's precisely what he meant.

You see, in that paragraph, he was describing the period when the world was on the brink of nuclear war. Which is why I am not 100 per cent sure that this was not an intentional phrase.

After all, there is nothing like the threat of a nuclear Armageddon to create the kind of tension that makes a person clench their cheeks. Or possibly, he was just making a reference to the amount of time the negotiators had to sit in uncomfortable chairs.

Who knows?

As strange as it sounds, this typo is, thus far, the highlight of a very interesting and well-written book. In fact, I will forever remember this book because of the tension that typo described – whether inadvertently or not.

This book was published by a reputable publisher and, presumably, it was also reviewed by a team of experienced editors. That means, they either missed it or just have a great sense of humour.

Both scenarios work for me.

The first, because I have been responsible for more than a few editing mistakes and typos in my life as a freelance writer, columnist, and editor. So, it is comforting to know that this happens to the best of us, on occasion. It reinforces my belief that editing is not easy.

The second possibility is just as appealing to me since I try to write humour at least twice a week, and, depending on who you talk to, I either occasionally miss the mark or never find it in the first place. (Don't talk to the second group.)

So, it is nice to know that if I ever write another humour book, there are publishers out there who are willing to punch it up by adding inappropriate letters in appropriate places.

I guess there might be a third possibility. That being, editors intentionally do this in every book to see if book reviewers and readers are paying attention.

I think one of the great messages in this is that you need to give editors a break too. After all, this book is (I'm guessing) 300,000 words in length and, though interesting, is also fairly dry. So, if it was just an honest mistake, the editors really were only off by one letter in millions of them – and, in any other field, making so few mistakes would be considered excellent.

Who among us hasn't made far more typos in our emails, letters, texts, essays or writing? As I said, I have – no, ifs, ands, or butts about it.



steve
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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The William Barnum home at Pine Lake, West Guilford, photographed in 1923. This typical Haliburton County settler's home was constructed of logs. Rough, but cozy, many log homes were later clad with board siding, protecting the logs and reducing winter draughts. The house was torn down in 1974. At left, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnum; Les McGuire; Elva Barnum and Herb Barnum are at the right. From Haliburton: A History in Pictures.

letters to the editor

Thanks to Curry Chevrolet

To the Editor,

You had a great article regarding Curry Chevrolet, and thank you and all who were responsible. I have just a short story. In 1960, our family lived at base camp on Kennis Lake as Dad was a steam engineer, for Hay & Company, but he passed away September 1960.

Because it was a company house, we had to move and make way for the new engineer, thus moving back to Haliburton where I and most of my eight siblings were born.

I was attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and mom had little income, thus I had to apply for student welfare.

This meant each Thursday after school, I stood in line at the IGA (Bank of Montreal location today) and hold a big red card over my head to receive \$15 worth of groceries for our family.

One Thursday, I came out of the store with bag of groceries, and Mr. Ron Curry was waiting to

talk to me. Mr. Curry said, "Dick; don't go in this line anymore; come to my office tomorrow after school I want to talk to you."

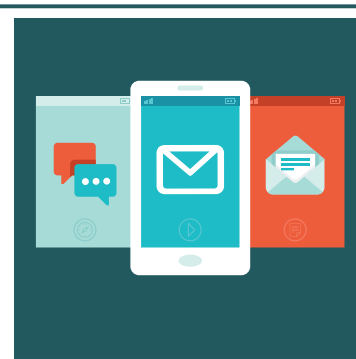
I thought, "Oh, Mr. Curry wants to talk to me? At this meeting the next day, Ron, as he told me to call him, said, "We have decided to give you a job here after school and weekends."

Thus I was saved a lot of embarrassment and was making many times the amount of \$15 for groceries per week.

I worked for Curry Motors part time then full time in the 1960's, and I was advised the decision to offer me a job decided jointly by Ron, Joe, and Lenny, and later by Peter.

So Curry Chevrolet just didn't just sell and repair automobiles, they assisted many families quietly over the years.

Dick Schell,
Haliburton



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Life and music of Gordon Lightfoot taking centre stage

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

The music and life of Gordon Lightfoot is being celebrated from Aug. 6 to 10 with five different shows in the Highlands Summer Festival of *Early Morning Rain: The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot*. Performed by Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band, the concert celebrates the life and music of Gordon Lightfoot through storytelling, singing, and anecdotes about the iconic Canadian singer and songwriter.

Performing across Ontario this summer, Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band developed the concert three years ago right before the COVID-19 Pandemic. Way described what viewers can expect from her concert.

"We are not a tribute band. We don't impersonate anyone; it is theatrical. It is like going to a concert where you are told the stories of the songs and the artists, almost like a documentary concert ... like a docu-concert," said Way.

The band brings a variety of experiences, with Leisa Way's history of acting and singing bringing storytelling to the forefront. She is joined by incredibly talented band members who bring their own history to the band, including lead guitarist Fred Smith, who has worked with musicians such as Chuck Berry, The Mamas and the Papas, and the Supremes.

Way uses her experience as an actress to bring life to the stories and songs performed on stage. When asked why she chose to create such a unique concert, she spoke about how Gordon Lightfoot was an easy choice as his music held fond memories and inspiration from her childhood.

"My Dad loved Gordon Lightfoot so much. He built [a] camp with his bare hands; there was no electricity, two hours in on this gravel road. I was a little kid and he was building this camp; we would go up there and he would put an 8-track on the stereo and I would stand right between the seats and belt out Gordon Lightfoot tunes all the way up and all the way back. That instilled



Don Reid and Leisa Way perform during the Life and Music of Gordon Lightfoot tribute show. /Photo by Anna Grant

in me my love of Gordon Lightfoot; it was my Dad," said Way.

Way is excited for Haliburton to see and experience the show, recognizing the importance of the arts in our community.

"The audience loves our storytelling as they learn new things that they may not have known about the artist. That's what good music and theater is. My job is to put smiles on people's faces ... if we can take people

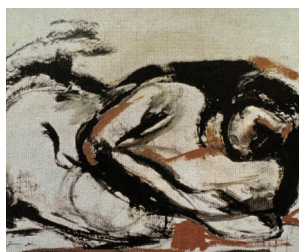
away for two hours from their own lives and just bring them into this wonderful world of Gordon Lightfoot and make them happy for two hours then we've done our job," said Way about the experience.

Early Morning Rain: The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot is playing at the Highlands Summer Festival Aug. 6 to 9 and tickets can be purchased online at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling 1-855-457-9933.

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Tim's Camp: A life-changing experience

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

At ten years old, Kayla Gardiner was brought to live in Minden permanently through the Youth in Care system.

At a traumatic time and seeing little hope for the world, she was given an opportunity that would change everything, for the rest of her life.

Within the very first week of moving to Minden, she and her brother were told they were chosen to attend one of Tim Horton's camps, funded by proceeds raised on Tim's Camp Day.

"Every time Camp Day comes up, we feel so passionately about it because it really structured the rest of our lives," said Gardiner. "Camp was kind of a brace to the impact of being told we would be living up here permanently. It was the worst-case scenario for us at the time, but it was also the best week of our lives at camp in the middle of all that."

Tim's Camp provided Gardiner with experiences she will treasure forever, but it also did much more.

It provided her with life skills to navigate difficult times, and instilled deep compassion for those living through similar realities.

"Leaving that camp, I always said I wanted to help kids in the same way in my community just like those counselors did for me," Gardiner said.

Memories to last a lifetime

Through funds raised on Camp Day at Minden Tim Horton's, both Gardiner and her brother were given a selection of five Tim's Camps to choose from.

They each decided on a camp requiring



Kayla Gardiner ended up moving back to Alberta for part of her adult life because of her experience at Tim Horton Children's Ranch at age 10. /Submitted

plane travel, having never flown in an airplane before.

She chose Tim Horton Children's Ranch, a horse ranch in the mountains of Kananaskis, Alberta.

"It was the trip of a lifetime, even beginning at the airport. I was taken to meet the pilots on the plane, and got to travel all alone until the counselors came on the plane to get me once we landed in Alberta, which was a big deal for a 10-year-old," she said.

Gardiner's birthday happened to land on one of the days of her week-long adventure.

She will always remember gathering in the dining hall with the whole camp celebrating her.

"It was also my first time ever horseback riding as well, so we rode up a mountainside, and we camped overnight on one of the peaks in Kananaskis."

The main structure of the camp was to provide children with tools to help them through their own circumstances.

"At that time, we didn't really have someone in our lives to show us the way or teach us these things other than at school, so being in a camp environment really shows the structure of how important things like goal setting, building relationships, teamwork, and responsibility are," Gardiner said.

The basis of Tim's Camp was to collect four GR8 beads, each representing a different skill.

Gardiner still has her GR8 bead bracelets to this day.

"We were in culture shock when we first moved to Minden, but camp instilled a love for travel," she said. "We've each lived in multiple places around the world, and we both credit the camp to opening our eyes to where you can go in life."

A shifted perspective

"At that camp, I decided, 'this is the direction that I would prefer my life to go.'"

Gardiner got involved in helping other children through the Youth in Care system.

"I wanted to advocate the benefits of being in care and going through the system but how you can come out on the other side," she said.

She became a camp counselor herself and a youth dance instructor, always wanting to be a positive light for other children.

"Tim's Camp showed that other people cared when we had very little hope for the world while we were going through something that was beyond us," Gardiner said. "It does really shift how you're going to come back and attack those problematic situations."

Gardiner and her brother both call Haliburton County home to this day.

"Camp really made us want to get involved in life in Minden. Our whole attitude changed after that."

To learn more about Camp Day and Tim's Camps, visit timscamps.com/what-we-do/our-camps.

"People don't realize that their coffee actually changes kids' lives," Gardiner said.



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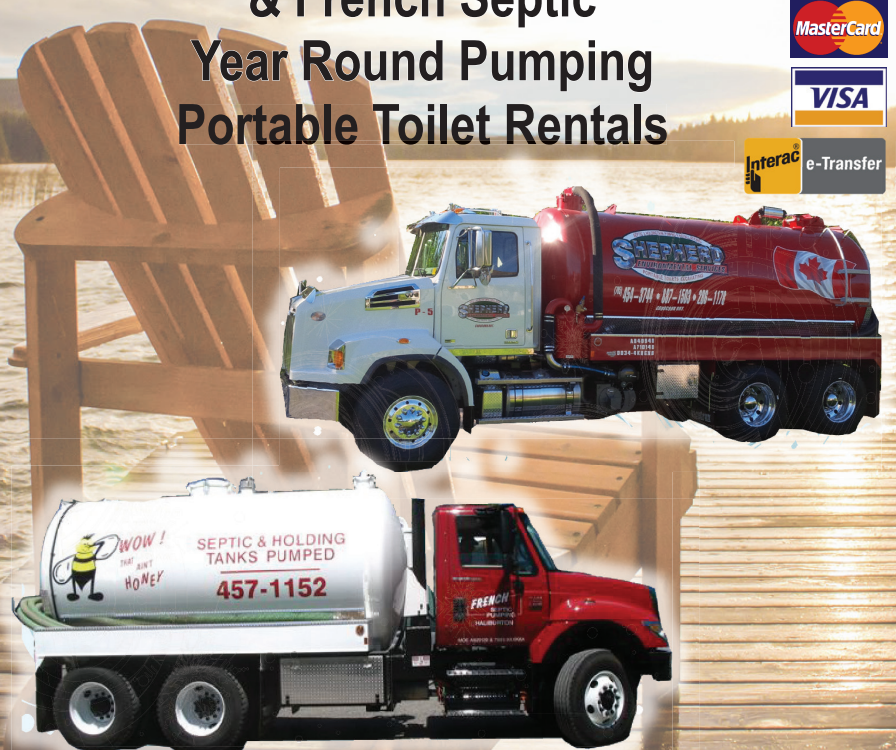
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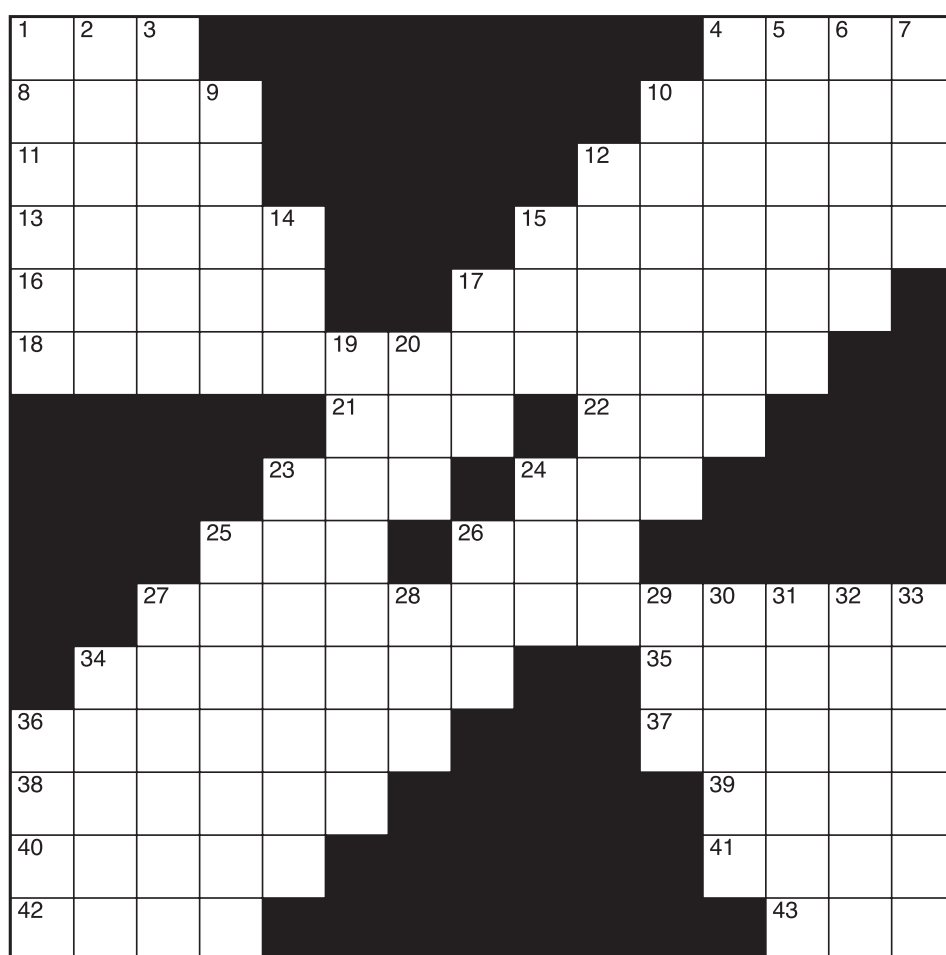
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4. Post
8. German city on edge of Black Forest
10. "___, but goodie"
11. Spiced stew
12. Passionately
13. Monetary units
15. Group of living organisms
16. Organic compound derived from ammonia
17. High honors
18. 5-year-olds' classes
21. Swiss river
22. Old woman
23. Cash machine
24. A way to soak
25. Hair product
26. Deride
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Cause to become insane
35. Bluish greens
36. Supported with money
37. Type of equation
38. Court officials
39. Indian god
40. Rids
41. Leak slowly through
42. Units of ionizing radiation
43. Midway between south and south-east

CLUES DOWN

1. Native of Slovakia
2. Deli meat
3. Fibrous substance in fungi
4. Cutting
5. Vedder and Van Halen
6. Horror comic novelist
7. Rulers of Tunis
9. Shaped like a circle
10. Make a pig of oneself
12. Aphorism
14. Witness
15. Single Lens Reflex
17. Freshwater North American fish
19. Nautical ropes
20. Leg (slang)
23. Pokes holes in
24. Moved quickly on foot
25. Fix-it shops
26. Type of bread
27. Repaired
28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
30. German city along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini necessities
33. Get away from
34. Village in Mali
36. Djibouti franc

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HHLT hires Partners in Conservation coordinator

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce that Rick Whitteker will be its new Partners in Conservation (PIC) Coordinator. Rick's PIC Coordinator role will support private landowners who have joined the PIC program and to raise the profile of the program in the hopes of recruiting more conservation partners.

Rick has lived in Haliburton County since 1997, originally working for Haliburton Forest as an outdoor educator, followed by 15 years with Fleming College as a faculty and coordinator of the Outdoor and Adventure Education program.

According to Rick: "For many years I have enjoyed the outdoors recreationally and as a guide, interpreter, writer, and educator. The PIC Coordinator position is a great opportunity to give back to nature by supporting private landowner conservation efforts. I am especially excited to be involved in HHLT's local conservation effort called the High-

lands Corridor."

Shelley Hunt, Chair of HHLT said: "We're delighted to have Rick fulfill this important role. His experience and enthusiasm for the Highlands Corridor project will help attract further partners in conservation".

Rick's position will be funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Schad Foundation.

The Highlands Corridor covers approximately 100,000 hectares and connects three provincial parks in Ontario: Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands just south of Minden, Kawartha Highlands in northern Peterborough County and Silent Lake in Highlands East. Biodiversity is rich in the Highlands Corridor with 40 Species at Risk, 25 provincially significant species and 43 regionally rare species. Wetland representation is high at 17.9 per cent including 4800 hectares of provincially significant wetlands.

The HHLT is seeking protection of the unceded crown land within the High-

lands Corridor (~60,000 ha) as a Conservation Reserve, with the goal of protecting species at risk, providing a natural wildlife corridor, protecting wetland habitats, increasing biodiversity, and strengthening climate change resiliency.

The PIC program targets landowners committed to landscape conservation with properties that strategically bridge gaps between fragmented crown land within the Highlands Corridor. The program provides a property tax incentive for a 10-year term through enrollment in Ontario's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, assisting landowners in devel-

oping management plans with objectives of enhancing environmental protection and wildlife habitat. The PIC program has been very successful with a current portfolio of 1740 ha of private land supporting the conservation effort.

For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Partners in Conservation Program, please visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca or email info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** TUESDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2023
- **TIME:** 9:05 AM
- **LOCATION:** COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE
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Applications:

Lands of Dando
(File No.: D14-ZB-2022-012)

- **Purpose and Effect:**
- i) **Application to amend the Zoning By-law:** The proposed amending By-law would change the zoning from Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) zone to Waterfront Residential Type 4L-XX (WR4L-XX) exception zone in order to permit the use of a sauna, recognize the setback of an accessory structure (gazebo) within the water setback, a maximum of four accessory buildings and a reduced minimum lot line setback for a deck adjacent to eastern interior side lot line.
- **Location:** legally described as Part Lot 6, Concession 8, Lot 26, Plan 621, in the Geographic Township of Dudley, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Lands of Brown/Patterson/Ranieri
(File No.: D14-ZB-2023-003)

- **Purpose and Effect:**

Application to amend the Zoning By-law: The proposed amending By-law would change the zoning from Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) to Waterfront Residential Type 3L (WR3L-XX) exception zones (severed lot) to recognize the more restrictive water setback and provisions of the subject property.

- **Location:** legally described as Part Lot 31, Concession 7, Parts 1 to 3, Plan 19R-4156 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.
- Proposed zoning is a condition of a concurrent severance application (File No. H-038/22) under the Planning Act for the subject property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm), Monday to Friday.

Members of the public may attend either in person or virtually via zoom.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department by appointment during regular office hours (8:30 A.M - 4:30 P.M, Monday to Friday), or by contacting Kris Orsan, Manager of Planning at korsan@dysartetal.ca.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 1st day of August 2023.

Kris Orsan, CPT,
Manager of Planning
Planning and Land Information
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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/wn_yYEDvl-8SwuGEYVQTh0_XQ

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,000

Minimum tender amount: \$8,139.25

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

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This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form, contact:

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Marcia was born and raised in Orillia. After attending the University of Guelph, where she met Murray, and teaching in Galt and Guelph, she returned to live in Orillia with Murray and their young family. At university she made lifelong friends in “Mac ‘57”, staying in close touch for over six decades with annual reunions on Lake Couchiching. Marcia taught family studies at Park Street Collegiate in Orillia, making a difference in the lives of many students and staff. She was proud of her Orillia history. Her dad’s store, Dick’s Shoes, was a long-time, downtown fixture.

Marcia had a special spark. She was curious, very playful and had a great sense of fun. She had a quick wit, remarkable energy and loved to learn. She was a multi-talented cook, seamstress, and a piano and bridge player. She had an artistic eye and was admired for her wardrobe of funky and fashionable clothes. She was a voracious reader and could knit like nobody’s business. Nothing made her happier than hiking on trails with family and friends, exploring new terrain, noticing beauty and soaking in natural wonders. She enjoyed trips with Murray, friends and family, exploring around the world.

Marcia was a driving force in our family, working with Murray to organize summer family trips across the country with three young daughters. We embarked on our first trip (to the west coast and back) after the dauntless Marcia took out a book from the library on how to camp with a family. Memories of setting up campsites and searching for frogs in ditches while M&M dealt with tent trailer flat tires are told again and again. She sewed matching outfits and Christmas nighties for her girls while working full time. She taught us about multi-tasking, organizing, planning, taking charge and getting things done! Marcia delighted in sharing stories of her daughters, grandchildren and her daughters’ partners.

Marcia had a wide circle of friends from her deep community involvement and leadership in many groups and organizations including the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), book group, bridge clubs, Orillia Quilters Guild, Couchiching Conservancy, the Couchiching Golf club, Stephen Leacock Association, Naturalist club, Orillia Public Library volunteer, Orillia Museum of Art and History (OMAH) volunteer, yoga group, and teacher friends.

When Marcia developed Alzheimer’s at age 85, she continued to live life fully with the support of daughters and caregivers. Her essence continued to shine as she carried on with life to the best of her abilities, joining in with programs at the Alzheimer’s society and the VON, continuing to meet with friends and enjoy walks on Orillia’s many trails. Her smile was legendary.

A visitation will be held at the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St. N., Orillia on Wednesday, August 2 from 4-7pm. A funeral service will be held at St. Paul’s United Church, 62 Peter St. N., Orillia on Thursday, August 3 at 1:30pm followed by a reception at the church.

The funeral will be live-streamed and recorded for anyone who wishes to view the service remotely. You can find the link at www.mundellfuneralhome.com/obituary/Marcia-Stephen

If desired, donations may be made to St. Paul’s United Church, the Couchiching Conservancy, Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital, Mariposa House Hospice, the Alzheimer’s Society or a charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence are welcomed at: www.mundellfuneralhome.com.

We wish to thank everyone at Haliburton Hospital for their excellent care of Ken while he was there. Special thank you to Dr. Bottum Dr. Gammon Dr. Karaguesian all the nurses and hospital staff. You went above and beyond for our family even afterwards. To Haliburton Community Funeral Home for keeping with Ken’s wishes. Carley you made us feel quite comfortable and this was not an easy thing for us to do. To Hawk River Construction for the drive-by convoy of trucks. Thank you Billy Rock and Brittany you’re the best and anyone who helped arrange for all the drivers of the trucks. Sincerely Jessie Dovell & Family

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Public performance returns to Head Lake Park

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Annual street festival and bargain-fest another hit

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Gooderham presents Horseshoe Days with a twist

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Murderously funny

Monday evening the Highlands Summer Festival debuted its dark comedy, The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, a who-done-it with bite. Above, Ryan Brown and Brittany Robinson play Eddie McCuen and Nikki Crandall. See more photos on page 26.

Jenn Watt Echo staff

Iconic comedian performs in Haliburton

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Don Harron has been a Canadian entertainer for what may seem like a lifetime – for some it has been exactly that.

Now entering his 75th year as a professional comedian, performer, actor and writer, the Renaissance man is showing no signs of slowing down.

Harron recently paid Haliburton a visit to perform his sold out show Charlie Farquharson and Dem Udders at the Northern Lights Pavilion on July 26 and 27 as part of the Highlands Summer Festival.

Set around the character of Charlie, whom Harron created himself, the show's premise revolves around everything from the top news headlines of the day to classic Canadian humour.

Entertaining since the early 1950s, Charlie has been making audiences laugh with his outspokenness, political incorrectness and blunt personality.

"The show is a revue that features a variety of parodies," says Harron. "The material changes week to week, depending on what's in the headlines."

"Charlie is always up to date," says Claudette, Harron's wife and stage partner who has been performing under a one-name moniker as a singer for a number of decades.

"In this show, Charlie's talking about how

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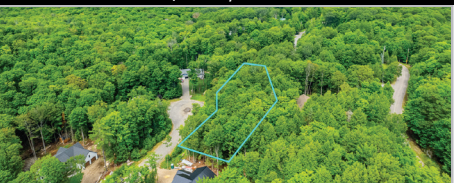
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